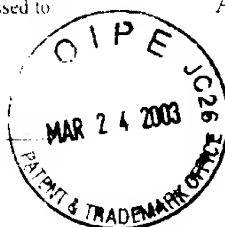


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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2002. A petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before April 2, 2003. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows: